Gauge Conversion of Dahej-Bharuch Line

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PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways are aware that Dahej is a fast developing major chemical estate and a new LNG Terminal along with solid cargo handling facilities is under development;

(b) if so, whether railways are considering for conversion of 64 km. narrow gauge railway line connecting Dahej with Bharuch which is nearest Broad Gauge rail head; and

(c) when the decision will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Gauge conversion of Bharuch-Dahej narrow gauge line is one of the identified projects under National Rail Vikas Yojana. Further processing of sanction and funding will be done as per extant procedure.

Rail Link in Madhya Pradesh

4478. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the districts in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh which have no rail links;

(b) the rail lines for which the proposals have been made and the progress thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to start work on Indore-Dohad, Indore-Manmad and Lalit Pur-Singrauli rail lines, if so, by when; and

(d) the details of the funds earmarked for the purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) District-wise details of rail network are not maintained.

(b) One proposal of new line from Bilaspur to Mandla via Mungeli, Pandariya and Bhoramdeo has been received from Government of Chhattisgarh. A survey for Bilaspur-Jabalpur via Mandla is already in progress.

(c) Works on Godhra-Indore via Dahod, Sardarpur, and Lalitpur-Satna & Rewa-Singrauli have already been taken up.

A survey is in progress for construction of a new line between Indore and Manmad.

(d) The outlay proposed for Godhra-Indore and Lalitpur-Satna & Rewa-Singrauli for 2003-04 is Rs.20 crore and Rs.32.45 crore respectively.

Electrification of Rail Routes

4479. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the length of electrified rail routes in the country, State-wise;

(b) the targets fixed/achieved for electrification of rail track during the Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for not achieving the targets fixed for electrification. Statewise;

(d) the time by which the pending work of electrification of the rail tracks is likely to be completed, project-wise; and

(e) the target set for electrification of rail lines during the Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) As on 31-3-2003, 16456 Route kilometres of tracks have been electrified over Indian Railways. The Route kilometres of tracks electrified, state-wise, are broadly as under:

S.N.	State	Route kilometres electrified
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2034
2.	Bihar	674
3.	Chhatisgarh	861
4.	Delhi	129
5.	Gujarat	719
6.	Haryana	366